

REMARKS

Claims 20-27 have been examined. Claim 20 has been amended. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claim 27. Reconsideration of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initial Comments

Counsel for the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview on April 20, 2005. In that interview, it was agreed that claim 20 would be amended to claim a front fork member to which the frame member of the clamp was coupled. The Applicant would also file an RCE, and the Examiner would call Counsel if there was a need for any further amendments to claim 20.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 20-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kroulik in view of Bidoia. This rejection is respectfully traversed in part and overcome in part.

As now amended, claim 20 claims a front fork member to which a frame member of a clamp is coupled. Nowhere in the Kroulik patent or the Bidoia patent is there any teaching of such a front fork member. Hence, it is respectfully requested that the §103 rejection of claims 20-24 be withdrawn.

Claim 26 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kroulik in view of Bidoia and Wells. Claim 26 depends from claim 20 which is distinguishable over Kroulik and Bidoia. Since the Wells patent also fails to teach such limitations, claim 26 is distinguishable and in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

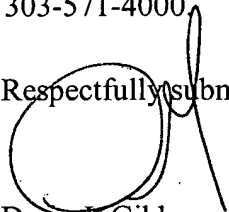
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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